

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 43 of the First Extraordinary Session  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Bob Cherry upon his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those persons, who through their personal endeavors, are credits to their respective families, professions, and to the state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Bob Cherry, who is most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, since Bob picked a horse over a car when he was 14 years old, horses have been his life's passion and work; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 1999, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration recognized the Centerville man's lifelong contributions by inducting him into its prestigious Hall of Fame, proving that Mr. Cherry made the right choice at his young age; and

WHEREAS, Bob Cherry and eleven other fellow inductees join an exclusive circle of only 109 others inducted since 1981 for "their outstanding and considerable contributions" to the walking horse industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cherry has been the astute executive director of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association since 1991; under his exceptional leadership, the prestigious organization has experienced tremendous growth on the national

and international level, making the walking horse the second fastest-growing breed of horse in the country; and

WHEREAS, Bob's interest in walking horses was piqued in 1954 when he slipped through the grooms' gate to watch The Celebration; and

WHEREAS, eight years later, he and his father-in-law opened and ran Harber and Cherry Stables until 1983; and

WHEREAS, as a rider, Bob Cherry earned his first ribbon at The Celebration in 1962 when he finished in tenth place; he later won blue ribbons atop horses, Tiger Bay and Tiger Lily, and placed third in the World Grand Championship aboard High Chaparral in 1971; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his current position with the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association, Mr. Cherry has greatly served the industry with acumen and alacrity as chairman of the National Horse Show Commission, director of the Walking Horse Owners' Association from 1978-79, and as editor of the *Walking Horse Times* in 1983; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Walking Horse profession honored Bob Cherry in 1971 by choosing him as Trainer of the Year by the Trainer's Association; and

WHEREAS, his many awards and accomplishments aside, Bob is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his adoring wife of 37 years, Faye Harber Cherry, and his two daughters; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Bob Cherry for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and to the Tennessee Walking Horse profession; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Bob Cherry upon his induction

into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame and wish him every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.